
CENTRAL MONTANA REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
A Consortium of Health Care Facilities
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CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2005
Benefis Healthcare, Great Falls, MT.

PRESENT: Michael B. Orcutt, MD, CRTAC Chairman, Great Falls
Pete Lucas, RN, CRTAC Secretary, Great Falls
Audrey Rouns, EMT, Conrad Myron Frydenlund, EMT, Shelby
Riki Handstede, RN, Havre Scott Schandelson, RN, Great Falls
Carol Tadge, RN, Fort Benton Ellen Stinar, EMT-P, Great Falls
Linda Williams, EMT, Fort Benton Carol Kussman, RN, Helena

GUESTS: Kim Todd, RN, Montana Trauma System Program Manager
Thom Danenhowe, R.S. Injury Prevention Coordinator

ABSENT: **Representatives from:**

Cutbank	Fort Belknap
Browning	Townsend
Big Sandy	Rocky Boy
Conrad	Chester
Choteau	

Chairman, Michael Orcutt, MD at 1215 p.m., called the Central Montana Rural Trauma Advisory Committee (CRTAC) to order. Benefis Healthcare hosted a lunch prior to the meeting. Roll call was taken. Introductions were made. The minutes of the last meeting were re-capped and approved.

STATE TRAUMA CARE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES: Nothing new to report. The next meeting will be August 8, 2005 in Helena. Jennie Nemec, RN has resigned her position on the STCC as she has taken up employment within the EMS and Trauma Systems Section. The CRTAC needs to submit two nominees to the state for consideration. Carol Kussman eluded interest in this position.

CRTAC SUBCOMMITTEES:

- 1. Injury Prevention and Public Education:** Pete shared with the committee that a TNCC course was completed in Browning in March. ENPC courses were completed in Browning in May and Helena in June. Another TNCC course was completed in June in Great Falls. Any courses within the central region that may be of interest, please don't hesitate to contact Pete. Fort Benton is still interested in hosting a PHTLS course in the future.
- 2. Pre-Hospital:** There was a meeting before the CRTAC meeting that discussed educational offerings and to possibly offer pre-hospital personnel travel reimbursement for RTAC meetings if cases or runs are reviewed.
- 3. Regional Trauma Plan:** No report available at this time.

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4. Quality Improvement: No cases were identified for review this meeting.

STATE TRAUMA REPORT: Kim shared with the committee that to date, 63 facilities have received their consultation visits and only 12 are left. The only facility in the CRTAC to be completed is Browning.

-Discussion ensued concerning that once the rules are published, facilities results of designation will be made available as a public record. Wyoming has designated all and when facilities come up for re-verification, if standards are not met, the designation is withdrawn. This might be a potential pitfall and place the state as "big brother." One suggestion would be to create a checklist to facilitate designation and this would be the only document legal for public perusal. Whatever is decided needs to be documented and supported in the rules before publication. This will be discussed @ STCC.

-The state should develop their own triage and inter-facility transfer guidelines and should also be placed into the rules. The inter-facility transfer guidelines have already been approved through each RTAC and could be incorporated now. We may have to carefully develop triage criteria to assist pre-hospital personnel in transporting to the appropriate facility in their region within Montana. This will be discussed @ STCC.

-The Montana Trauma System Conference is scheduled for September 7, 2005 in Missoula. The CRTAC has been tasked with developing a clinical topic for discussion. The committee decided that Trauma in the Elderly Patient would be very applicable for a topic.

-ATLS course dates will be September 16-17, and November 4-5. Auditor spots are available and the CRTAC could pay registration costs for those interested.

-Thom Danenhower will plan on attending the EMS pre-RTAC meetings and mileage payment will be available for attendees.

STATE INJURY PREVENTION REPORT: Thom stated that the CRTAC still needed to identify a representative to the sub-committee. Ellen Stinar showed interest. The next meeting will be before the STCC meeting on August 8.

-Funding is available for paying a speaker to come to each RTAC (yearly rotation) to discuss hospital based DUI Intervention programs. These would be open to all.

CRTAC EDUCATION GRANT FROM THE GENERAL FUND: Pete informed the committee that there was over \$8,000.00 in the account available for education.

The meeting was adjourned at 1410 after roundtable.

The remaining dates for 2005 are reserved for CRTAC and will be located in Great Falls unless otherwise specified.

October 27

Start time will be @ 1230.

Respectfully submitted,



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